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### FRIENDS:

E desire to submit for your inspection, through this illustrated booklet, not only views of our stock of fine, healthy and well-grown plants and a list of their prices, but also a portraiture of the remarkable progress and growth our establishment has made during the short space of fifteen years. This is shown best by the two illustrations on the back of cover, one representing our place in its infancy in 1878, the other in its

present state of expansion.

This rapid development has proceeded steadily from year to year until today we have about three acres under glass, the entire space being devoted almost exclusively to the growing of Palms and Ferns.

It gives us pleasure to announce to you that our stock this season is in prime condition and exceptionally free from

insects, showing fine proportions.

In view of our favorable location our shipping facilities are simply perfect; we have quick and direct access to all freight depots in the city and the wagons of the various express companies make two calls daily at our shipping rooms.

Our terms to parties unknown to us are cash or satis-

factory references with the order.

Trusting that you will favor us with a trial order (providing we do not already enjoy your estimable patronage) and that we may be given an early opportunity to prove to you our unquestioned reliability, we await your further pleasure.

Respectfully,

GEO. WITTBOLD.

North Halsted Street, CHICAGO, U. S. A.

# ...PALMS...

VARIETIES	SIZE	HEIGHT	CHARACTER LEAVES	PRICE EACH	PRICE PER DOZEN
Latania Borbonica	2-inch				\$ 0.50
Latania Borbonica	3 ''				1.50
Latania Borbonica	5 "	16-20	5-8	\$0.50	5.00
Latania Borbonica	6 "	18-22	5-7	.75	9.00
Latania Borbonica	7 ''	20-24	6-8	1.00	12.00
Latania Borbonica	8 ''	28-30	7-8	2.00	24.00
Latania Borbonica	8	28-34	7-8	2.50	30.00
Latania Borbonica	9	30-36	8-9	3.00	36.00
Cocos Weddeleana	3 ''	14-18	4-6	.25	2.00
Kentia Belmoreana	3 ''	5-7	3-4	.25	2.00
Kentia Belmoreana	3 ''	8-10	4-5		3.00
Kentia Belmoreana	5 ''	18-20	5-6	.75	7.20
Kentia Belmoreana	5 ''	18-22	6-7	1.00	12.00
Kentia Belmoreana	6 ''	20-25	5-7	1.50	18.00
Kentia Belmoreana	7 ''	34-38	6-7	2.50	30.00
Kentia Forstereana	5 ''	20-24	4-6	.75	7.20
Kentia Forstereana	5	25-28	4-6	1.00	12.00
Kentia Forstereana	6 ''	26-30	6-8	1.50	18.00
Kentia Forstereana	7 ''	36-40	5-6	2.50	30.00
Phoenix Reclinata	5 ''	14-16	5-8	.50	5.00
Phoenix Reclinata	6 ''	16 18	7-10	.75	9.00

Cycas Revoluta—We have a fine lot now on hand in sizes averaging in price from \$1 to \$10 each and can give exceptionally good values in all sizes.

# Miscellaneous.

Peperonia Argyrea, 2-inch potsper	dozen	\$0.75
Peperomia Argyrea, 3-inch pots	"	1.50
Peperomia Argyrea, 4-inch pots, fine plants		
Dracena Termenalis, 4-inch pots, fine plants		3.00
Dracena Fragrans, 4-inch pots, fine plants		3.00
Dracena Fragrans, 5-inch pots, fine plants		5.00
Dracena Fragrans, 6-inch pots, fine plants		9.00

VARIETIES	SIZE	HEIGHT INCHES	NUMBER OF TIERS	PRICE EACH	PRICE PER DOZEN
Araucaria Excelsa Araucaria Excelsa Araucaria Excelsa Araucaria Excelsa Ficus Elastica Ficus Elastica Ficus Elastica	4 '' 5 '· 7 '· 4 '· 5 '·	6-8 10-12 18-20 36-38 12-14 16-18	2-3 2-3 3-4 6-7 	\$0.50 1.00 1.25 2.50 .25 .50 1.00	\$ 6 00 10.00 15.00 30.00 3.00 5.00 12.00

# ...FERNS...

VARIETIES	SIZE	PRICE PER DOZEN	PRICE PER HUNDRED	
Certomium Falcatum	3-inch	\$1.00	\$8.00	
Certomium Falcatum	4	2.00		
Certomium Falcatum	5	3.00		
Certomium Falcatum	6 "	5.00		
Blechnum Orientale	2 "	.50	4.00	
Lomaria Gibba	4 ''	1.50	12.00	
Pteris Serrulata	2	.50	4.00	
Pteris Argyrea	2	.50	4.00	
Pteris Tremula	2	. 50	4.00	
Pteris Umbrosa	6 "	3.00	20.00	
Nephrolepis Exeltate	4 "	1.50	12.00	
Nephrolepis Exeltate	5 "	2.00		
Nephrolepis Pectinata	4 ''	1.50	12.00	
Nephrolepis Philipensis	4 ''	1.50	12.00	
Nephrolepis Philipensis	5 "	2.00		
Nephrolepis Bostoniensis	4 "	2.00		
Nephrolepis Bostoniensis	5 "	3.00	• • • •	
Nephrolepis Bostoniensis	6 ''	5.00		
ASPARAGUS.				
Asparagus Plumosa Nana	2 "	.50	4.00	
Asparagus Plumosa Nana	3	1.00	8.00	
Asparagus Springerii	2 ''	.50	4.00	

We have a general assortment of two-inch Ferns at \$4.00 per hundred; \$35.00 per thousand.

HOUSE OF LATANIA BORBONICA.



### LATANIA BORBONICA.

The Latania, with its fan-shaped leaves, is well known as a very handsome palm, and as a plant that is largely used for purposes of decoration. Although its place has, in a measure, been taken by the Kentia, it still is in lively demand. Our stock, as quoted in the list, is in a fine, clean condition. We have now growing for next year's trade not less than 100,000 of these desirable palms.

When in need of larger plants than quoted on list ask for special prices on a lot of Miscellaneous Specimen Plants that we have in stock.

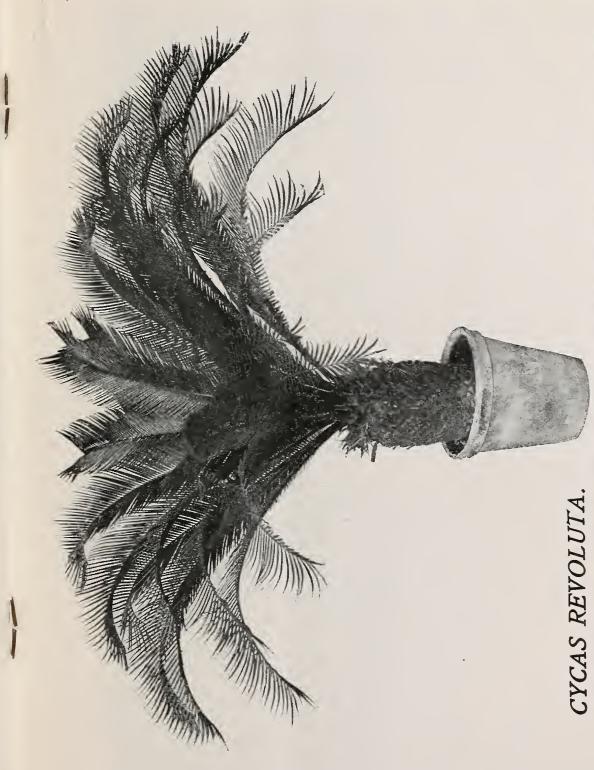


### KENTIA FORSTEREANA.

The demand for Kentias, those most elegant palms, has increased wonderfully and the fact that we annually sell large numbers of them, proves conclusively that they must be counted among the most indispensable articles of the ornamental plant business. We devote much space and the most careful attention to the cultivation of Kentias and always have a large and vigorous looking stock of them on hand.

We manufacture Perpetuated Palms; send for our list. Ask for discounts to Florists.

HOUSE OF CYCAS REVOLUTA.



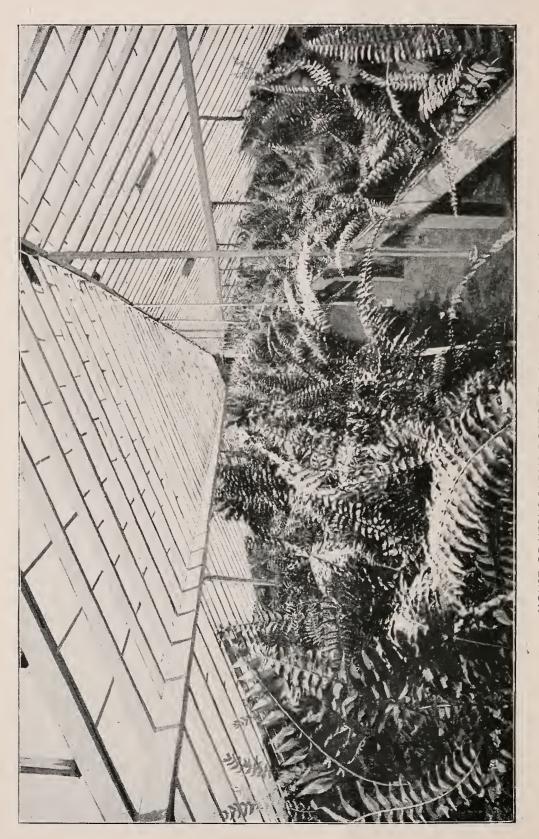
In the cut above is shown a house filled with Cycas Revoluta, the finest of this genus of ornamental plants, which we imported from their native country, Japan, this season. Of noble and majestic habit and most impressive they naturally stand in high favor among all lovers of plants. We offer a superb and large stock of grand plants at prices ranging from seventy-five cents to ten dollars each.

HOUSE OF COCOS WEDDELEANA.

# COCOS WEDDELEANA.

This, the most ornamental of the group of Cocos Palms and also the most graceful palm in cultivation, has no equal for table decoration or as a center piece in fern dishes and is, on account of its dwarfy habit and its finely divided foliage, curved with exquisite grace, also a very valuable pot plant. We have a superior lot in three-inch pots now ready for shipment.

We keep in stock Perpetuated Lycopodium Wreathing, and quote same at \$5.00 per 100 yards.



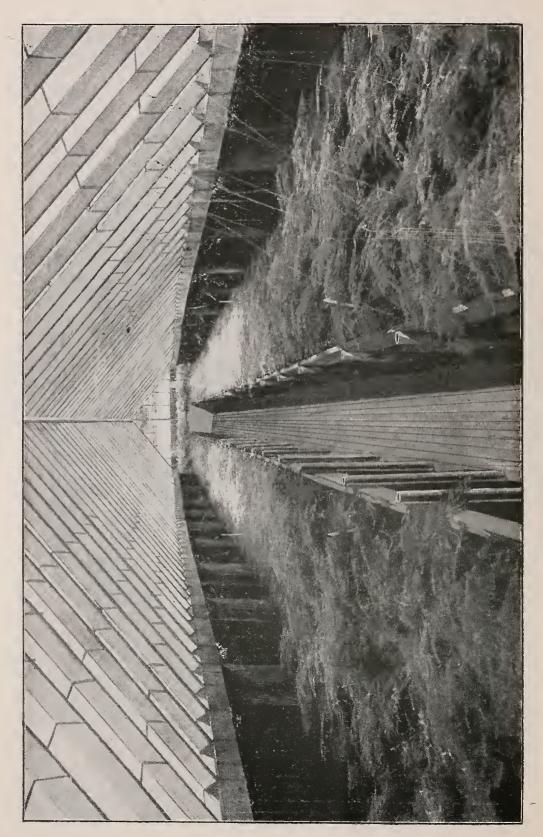
HOUSE OF NEPHROLEPIS BOSTONIENSIS (or BOSTON FERN.)



# NEPHROLEPIS BOSTONIENSIS.

During the comparatively short time that has elapsed since this popular fern, commonly called Boston Fern, was first introduced it has won for itself a well merited reputation, which will probably outlive that of any other variety of fern adaptable for residence apartments because of its beauty of foliage and vigor of growth. We have an extensive and carefully grown stock of them in four, five and six-inch pots, and we would suggest to our patrons to secure a supply of them at once as the stock throughout the United States is quite limited, considering the large and constantly increasing demand.

When in need of soil for Ferns, try a barrel of our pine needle soil. Large barrels, \$1.50 each.



HOUSE OF ASPARAGUS PLUMOSA NANA.



# ASPARAGUS PLUMOSA NANA.

These elegant plants with their graceful arching, fine filmy foliage, rivaling the delicate beauty of the finest Maiden-hair Ferns, are invaluable for decorative purposes and for cutting. But also as a pot plant they are a desirable stock for a florist to handle. We have in growth several houses of healthy, luxuriant Asparagus this season in two and three-inch pots.



# PEPEROMIA ARGYREA.

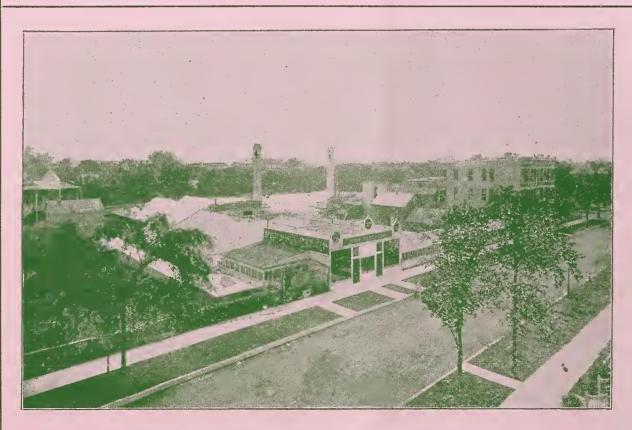
This beautiful plant has been introduced into the green-house for the sake of its very ornamental foliage. The leaves are green and have white stripes. The Peperomia is of a dwarf growing habit and well adapted for the house. We have a limited supply on hand and quote them in our price list.

Avoid risk of freezing and save express rates by ordering your winter's stock before the cold weather sets in.





VIEW OF OUR ESTABLISHMENT, 1878.



VIEW OF OUR ESTABLISHMENT, 1899.